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1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY: RPF VICE CHAIRMAN PAUL KAGAME MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON OCTOBER 5. KAGAME SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN "CONFUSION AND MISUNDERSTANDING" ABOUT RPF PROPOSALS AT ARUSHA III, BUT THAT THERE IS "STILL SOME HOPE" THAT A SETTLEMENT CAN BE REACHED WITH THE GOR AT ARUSHA. HE ECHOED THE MAIN POINTS MADE BY RPF NEGOTIATOR THEOGEN RUDASINGWA ON SEPTEMBER 24 (REFTEL). END SUMMARY

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3. RPF VICE CHAIRMAN PAUL KAGAME MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON OCTOBER 5. (THE MEETING WAS AT THE RPF'S REQUEST.) RPF REPRESENTATIVE DR. EMMANUEL NDAHIRO AND POLOFF ALSO ATTENDED THE ONE-HOUR MEETING AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. THE TACITURN KAGAME ADDED LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE TO THE POINTS MADE BY RPF NEGOTIATOR THEOGEN RUDASINGWA ON SEPTEMBER 24 (REFTEL), BUT HE SAID THERE IS "STILL SOME HOPE" THAT A SETTLEMENT CAN BE REACHED WITH THE GOR AT ARUSHA.

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4. KAGAME TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THERE HAD BEEN "CONFUSION AND MISUNDERSTANDING" ABOUT RPF PROPOSALS AT ARUSHA III. THE IDEA FOR AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AS CHAIRMAN AND RULE BY CONSENSUS, DESERVED MORE CONSIDERATION, SAID KAGAME: "WE'RE STILL COMMITTED TO THAT IDEA, UNLESS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE IS SUGGESTED." THE "PRINCIPAL POINT" FOR THE RPF CONTINUES TO BE THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE CHECKS ON HABYARIMANA'S EXECUTIVE POWER. KAGAME CLAIMED THAT SOME OF THE INTERNAL  
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OPPOSITION PARTIES (PL AND PSD) SHARE THE RPF'S STRONG DESIRE TO LIMIT HABYARIMANA'S AUTHORITY. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER THE DEVOLUTION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS TO THE CABINET MIGHT OFFER A SOLUTION, TO WHICH KAGAME NODDED AFFIRMATIVELY. KAGAME REAFFIRMED THE RPF'S OPENNESS TO SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO LIMIT HABYARIMANA'S PRESIDENTIAL POWERS.

5. ON THE PROBLEM OF INTEGRATING THE RPF WITH THE FAR, KAGAME PROPOSED THAT A SMALL NATIONAL ARMY, NUMBERING "NOT MUCH MORE THAN 10,000," SHOULD BE FORMED WITH EQUAL NUMBERS FROM BOTH GROUPS. THEY WOULD REMAIN SEPARATE BUT UNDER JOINT COMMAND DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD BEFORE BEING FULLY MERGED. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE ARMY TO BE A "SYMBOL OF UNITY," AND POINTED OUT THAT EQUAL NUMBERS OF RPF IN THE ARMED FORCES WOULD BE SEEN AS A THREAT TO THE GOR. KAGAME WAS CRITICAL OF THE FRENCH MILITARY ROLE AND SAID A NEW RWANDAN ARMY WOULD LOOK FOR ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND SUPPLIES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

6. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER THE RPF WOULD AGREE TO PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN 12 - 18 MONTHS IF THE

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GOVERNMENT MADE CONCESSIONS ON THE PRESIDENCY. KAGAME SAID THAT THE RPF'S FOUR YEAR TIMETABLE LEADING TO ELECTIONS IS "FLEXIBLE," BUT DOUBTED THAT ONE YEAR WOULD ALLOW ENOUGH TIME FOR RWANDAN REFUGEES TO RETURN AND PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE ELECTIONS. HE SAID THAT HE EXPECTED "MAYBE 200,000 FAMILIES" TO RETURN FROM THE DIASPORA. HE DISMISSED SPECULATION THAT MANY OF

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THE REFUGEES WOULD CHOOSE NOT TO RETURN, SAYING "ONE MUST ACT ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MANY WILL GO."

7. ON OTHER ISSUES, KAGAME SAID THAT THE GATUNA BRIDGE ON THE RWANDA-UGANDA BORDER HAD BEEN REPAIRED, ALLOWING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO CROSS, BUT NOT HEAVY TRUCKS. HE SAID THAT REGULAR TRAFFIC ON THE "NORTHERN CORRIDOR" BETWEEN KIGALI AND KAMPALA WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT A SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT, HOWEVER. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED KAGAME ABOUT THE RPF'S ASSESSMENT AND INTERACTION WITH THE NEUTRAL MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP. KAGAME REPLIED THAT THE RPF HAD NO OBJECTION TO ITS

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ACTIVITIES TO DATE, BUT THAT IT IS "TOO THIN ON THE GROUND."

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8. KAGAME SAID THAT DR. RUDASINGWA WAS IN DAR ES SALAAM WITH RPF CHAIRMAN KANYARINGWE, AND WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO KAMPALA AS PLANNED (REFTEL). KAGAME ACCEPTED THE AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION TO RETURN TO THE RESIDENCE ON OCTOBER 6 TO MEET WITH U.S. OBSERVER AT THE ARUSHA TALKS DAVID RAWSON.

9. COMMENT: KAGAME ADDED LITTLE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT RPF THINKING, ALTHOUGH HE, LIKE RUDASINGWA, APPEARED OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS AND FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. THE AMBASSADOR USED THE MEETING WITH KAGAME TO STRESS CONTINUED RPF ADHERENCE TO THE CEASEFIRE AND THE NEED FOR GREATER PROGRESS AT THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS IN ARUSHA. END COMMENT

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